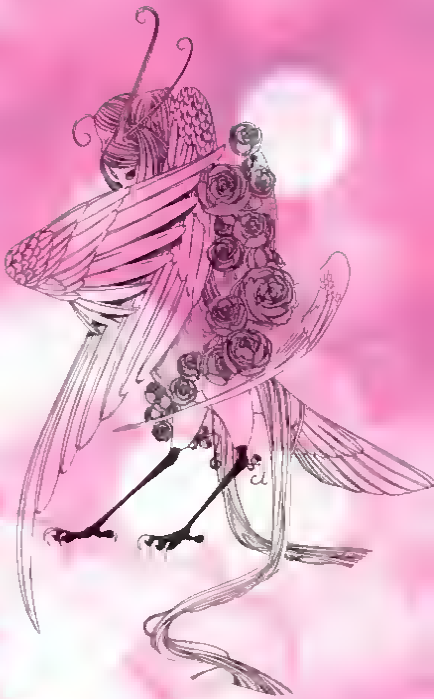

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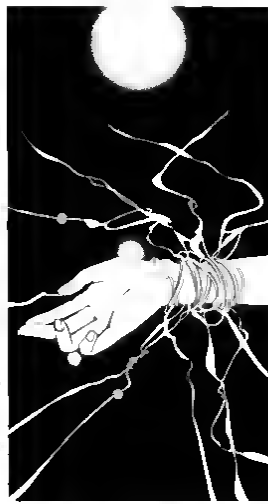

Chapter 6 - Disappointment

Inside of me...
It stealthily and gently controls...
Break it down into chaos.
All of me...

Characters:

Kind, and at the same time cruel. It has timidity together with ferocity. And the creature who will grant any wish no matter what, Alichino. The compensation for this is large. Tsugiri carrying "the power of the Bond" and having had his abominable memories of childhood extinguished by Myoubu in order to reveal secrets such as the reason he was targeted by an Alichino and why the power of the Bond is a hated taboo among the people, recalled his memory. However, that which was revived in Tsugiri's mind, his mother's cruel death and his child self who fainted from the flow of blood, were such horrible suppressed memories. Within that horror, Tsugiri threatens to allow his own spirit to be destroyed.

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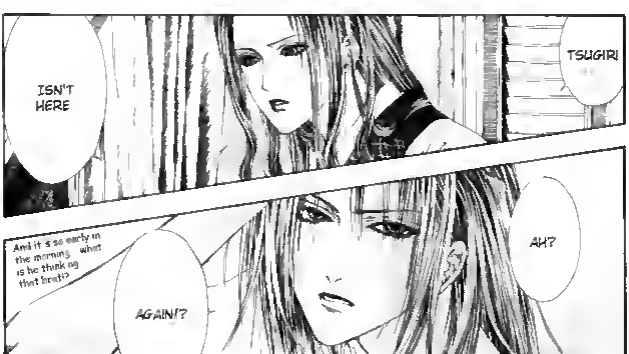
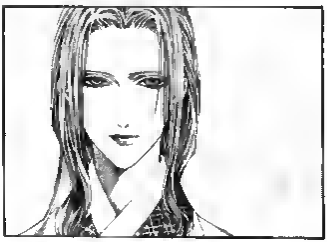


IN THE CASE THAT SOMETHING SHOULD HAPPEN TO HIM, WE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO RECOVER HIM AND...
MYOUJI IS WITH HIM, THAT'S WHY I'D BE WORRIED
MYOUJI IS WITH HIM SO I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, BUT...

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH HIM, ANY-WAY?

I GET IT.
I'M GOING TO LOOK FOR HIM. IF IT'S A MATTER OF FINDING MYOUJI, THEN I KNOW HOW TO GET HIM BACK.



THE PROBABILITY THAT THE SPIRIT WILL BECOME UNSTABLE IS LIKELY ENOUGH, I THINK, BUT...
I'M FORCED TO TAKE IN A MEMORY ONCE REJECTED.
IT'S ALMOST AS IF...

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KII
KII
SHIMMER
THE SMOOTH SOUND OF TSUGIRI DRAWING A KNIFE ..
THEY'RE COILING AROUND HIM LIKE LOWER ALICHINOS WHO HAVE BECOME ATTACHED TO A PET
KII

GYUG!
DRIP
DRIP
DID YOU KNOW?
DOING THIS

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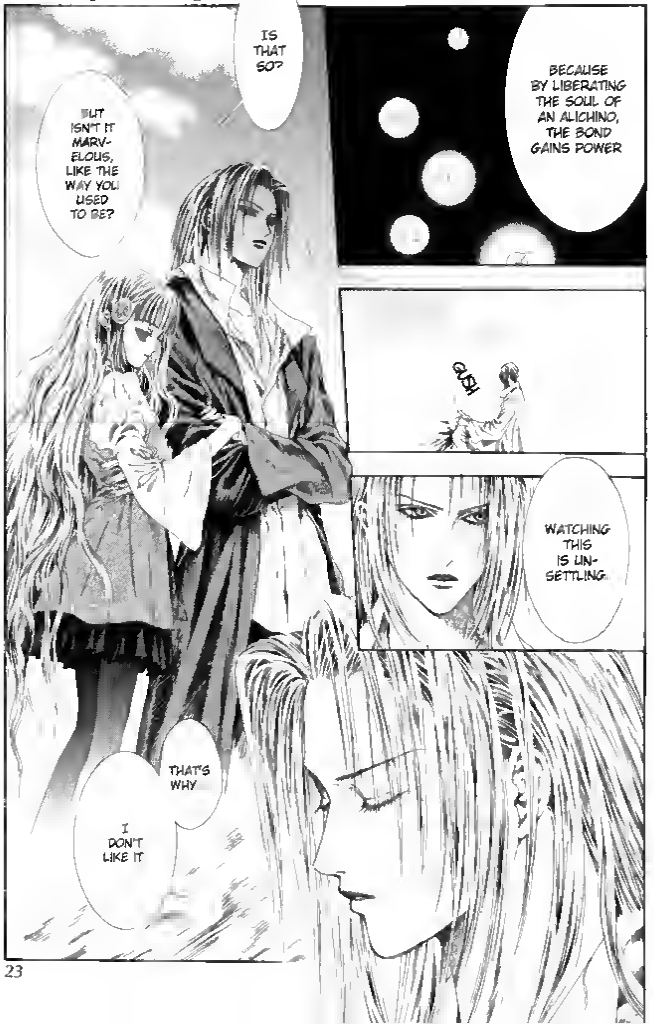
THE BOND WAS ORIGINALLY THIS SORT OF THING
MYOUJI
IT SEEMS HE'S JUST A LITTLE UNABLE TO DISTINGUISH HIS OWN SELF-CONTROL AND IS FEELING CONFUSED
For God's sake
AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO CRAFTED THAT EXCUSE?
AREN'T THINGS MORE CONVENIENT THAT WAY?
SO THAT ALICHINOS CAN BECOME STRONG ON THE SOULS OF MANKIND
TSUGIRI!
LET HIM DO WHAT HE WANTS.


IS THAT SO?
BUT ISN'T IT MARVELOUS, LIKE THE WAY YOU USED TO BE?
THAT'S WHY I DON'T LIKE IT
BECAUSE BY LIBERATING THE SOUL OF AN ALICHINO, THE BOND GAINS POWER
GUSH
WATCHING THIS IS UNSETTLING

THESE CHILDREN
EVEN THOUGH I FEEL THEIR AURA, THE ONLY ONES VISIBLE ARE SM, LL FRY.
THE POINT IS, IT'S STR INGE.
LIKE BUTTERFLIES ENTICED BY A FLOWER, THEY ARE JUST BEING ATTRACTED BY THE SMELL OF TSUGIRI'S SOUL
THEY DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF BRAIN.
ARE NOT THINKING OF ANYTHING AS EXTREME AS CAP- TURING THE SOUL OF THE BOND.
IF THEY CARELESSLY JUMP OUT, THEY'RE LIKELY TO BE EATEN BY THEIR COMRADES
HEY !?
!
AND OTHER ALICHINO ARE BEING DIVERTED ALONG WITH THEM.
THEY ARE CONSIDERING HOW THEY MIGHT OUTWIT THE SURROUNDING ONES. HOW THEY MIGHT OBTAIN TSUGIRI.

TSUGIHI!
WHAT'S WRONG!?
.....
ENJU HAS...!

COUNTLESS TIMES,
OVER AND OVER—

YOU CAME HOME FASTER THAN I THOUGHT YOU WOULD
ENJU ...!
I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, TSUGIRI!
Without fail

MY NAME IS MATSULIKA
BY LORD ROUSHOUKI'S ORDER, I HAVE COME TO RETRIEVE YOU.

HM...
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO ENJU!?
I WONDER.
TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF HIM!
I'VE SAID IT ALREADY, THAT THE ONE I WANT IS YOU!
ALL RIGHT? THIS IS A WARNING.

AS LONG AS YOU RESIST ME...
THEY WILL DISAPPEAR ONE BY ONE
THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE PROBABLY IMPORTANT TO YOU AND THOSE WHO MIGHT NOT BE...
STOP!
LIKE THIS ONE...
ギリ…
!!

HE...
HEHE HE
HOW CUTE
TO GET AS SERIOUS AS THIS
NOW
WHICH SHALL IT BE? THIS SINGLE CHOICE
BUT I DON'T CARE WHAT YOUR FEELINGS ARE

WHICH-EVER YOU CHOOSE ...
AT THE START WHILE YOU STILL RETAIN THAT RADIANCE ...
YOU WILL SURELY BE WATCHED BY LORD ROUSHOUKI
AND AT THE END WHEN YOUR BLOOD WILL DECAY
THE ONLY DIFFERENCE WILL BE WHETHER THIS PERSON LIVES OR DIES, DE-PENDING ON YOUR ANSWER.
ENJU!
FIRST LET GO OF ENJU!

MAT-
SUIKA!
YOU
.. !!
OH,
MY
!
!?
TSUGIRI!

SWIRL...
SWIRL...
AND THAT WAY
THINGS WILL BE MUCH MORE INTER-ESTING
HOW ABOUT I MAKE THIS MINE AS WELL? ISN'T IT MARV-ELOUS?
.....
WELL THEN, I WISH YOU A PLEASANT DAY
WAIT ...!!
IT WILL REPEAT ITSELF...
AS LONG AS I EXIST.

HEH... I'VE JUST CHANGED MY MIND
YOU KNOW?
ALL SORTS HAVE GATHERED AROUND THE BOND, HAVEN'T THEY!?
WHOOOOSH

JUST LIKE MOTHER THAT TIME...
ENJU ...!!
JUST LIKE HIYULA THAT TIME...
OVER AND OVER.

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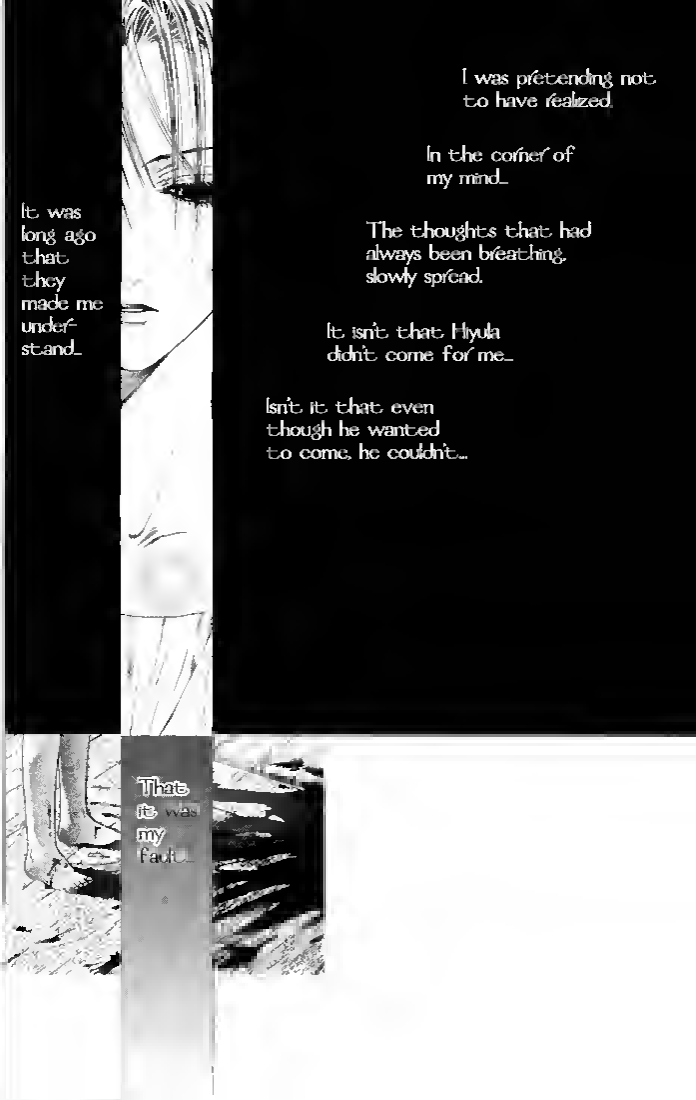
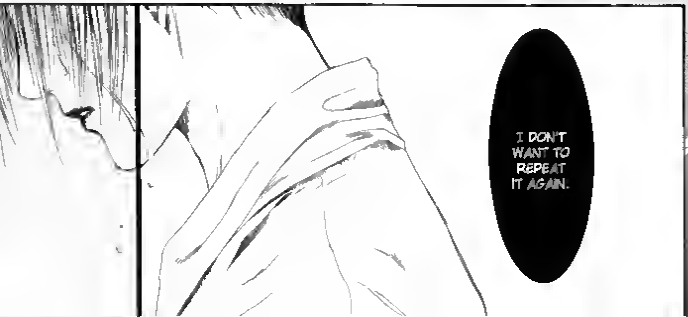

I was pretending not to have realized
In the corner of my mind...
The thoughts that had always been breathing, slowly spread.
It isn't that Hyula didn't come for me...
Isn't it that even though he wanted to come, he couldn't...
It was long ago that they made me understand...
That it was my fault...

AGAIN... I COULDN'T PROTECT...

EVEN THOUGH I WAS RIGHT THERE...!

I CAN'T STAND JUST WAITING FOR THE END TO COME LIKE THAT.



ONLY NOW SHE SHOWS HERSELF— YOU'VE GOT TO BE JOKING.
WHAT ON EARTH IS THAT WOMAN UP TO?
IS THIS ABOUT MATSULIKA?
BUT, ISN'T IT GOOD THAT WE COULD CUT DOWN ON TIME SEARCHING?
WHO ELSE IS THERE? DON'T ASK WHEN YOU ALREADY KNOW
MY...

I ONLY RESPECT THE SPEED WITH WHICH SHE RUNS AWAY EVERY TIME
...AND THE NEXT ONE IS ENJU!? I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!
——...
THAT PERSON ISN'T SO WEAK, YOU KNOW?
HE'S MUCH MORE STRONG-WILLED THAN I AM.
ENJU
THINK HE'S OKAY?

WORKING FOR ANOTHER PERSON.
I WONDER IF SOMETHING'S GOTTEN TO HER...
BUT, IT WAS STRANGE OF MATSUJIKA, WASN'T IT?
THAT'S WHAT I'M HOPING THE PROBLEM IS WHAT TO DO NOW
THERE IS NO WAY SHE'D DO THAT ORDINARILY.
BECAUSE WE ALICHINO ARE BEINGS WHO FOLLY REVERE OUR SERVA

THE GOAL OF THE ONE BEHIND MATSULIKA
SOME-HOW I WILL FIND IT OUT.
YOU'LL COME UP WITH SOME-THING ♡
HOOOOO...
KOOOOOOOOOOOO...

IN MY HEART ...
SO RAW...
CONSTANTLY ...
IT LURKS
HOOOOOO
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SLICE...

IT'S JUST THE BEGINNING

SLICE...

I...

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NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES... I WILL RETURN.
11:44
TEE HEE.
SPLAT
ER!

FOR-EVER?
AGAIN
AGAIN
AGAIN
A-G-A-I-N ..
I WILL APPEAR BEFORE YOU.
HA...
HAHA...
AND AGAIN.
A-HAHA...
HAHAHAHA!

THUNK!
RYOUKO?

THE END WILL PROBABLY COME, WON'T IT?
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES IT REPEATS ITSELF...

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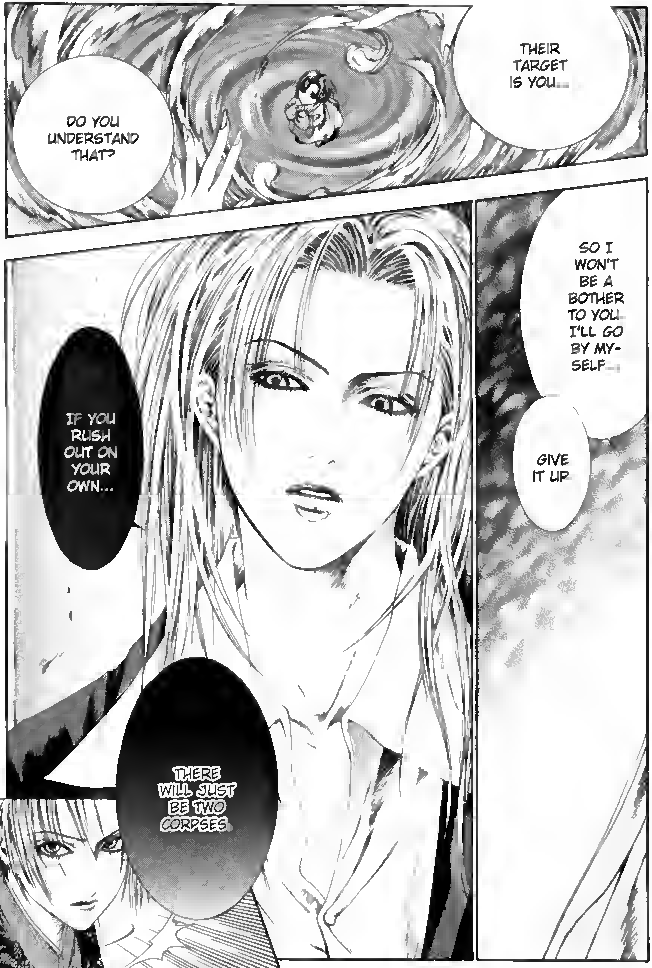
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, TSUGIRI!?
!

AND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT LIKE THIS
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? I'M GOING AFTER MATSULIKA.

I WILL HELP EN.JU.
WHICH-EVER ROAD
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN JUST STAY HERE FOREVER
Guess it can't be helped


THEIR TARGET IS YOU...
DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
SO I WON'T BE A BOTHER TO YOU. I'LL GO BY MYSELF...
GIVE IT UP.
IF YOU RUSH OUT ON YOUR OWN...
THERE WILL JUST BE TWO CORPSES.

SFX (GRAB)
!ぐっ?!
THEN WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO!?
SITTING HERE QUIETLY
...
I'M SAYING THAT IF YOU RUN OFF LIKE THIS, YOU'LL JUST BE PLAYING INTO THEIR HANDS
THAT DOESN'T RESOLVE ANYTHING ...!

HEY, I'M NOT SAYING NO ONE SHOULD GO

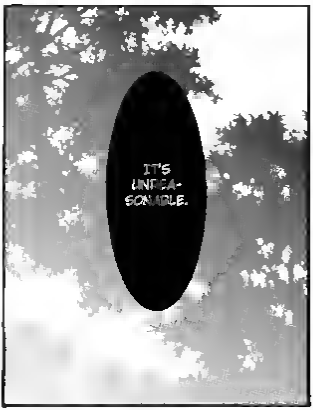
EVEN IF YOU DECIDE TO GO, THAT IN ITSELF INVOLVES PREPARATION, DOESN'T IT?

...LISE? LIKE WHAT?
GASP

USE YOUR HEAD A LITTLE MORE
ANYTHING YOU CAN USE... YOU'LL USE IT!

FOR EX-AMPLE... ME.
HMM...
I...
I STILL... DON'T NECESS-ARILY TRUST YOU THOUGH.
YOU...! ALL RIGHT, LISTEN UP!
ANYONE WHO THINKS THEY WANT TO SAVE ENJU
FEELS THE SAME WAY THAT I DO!

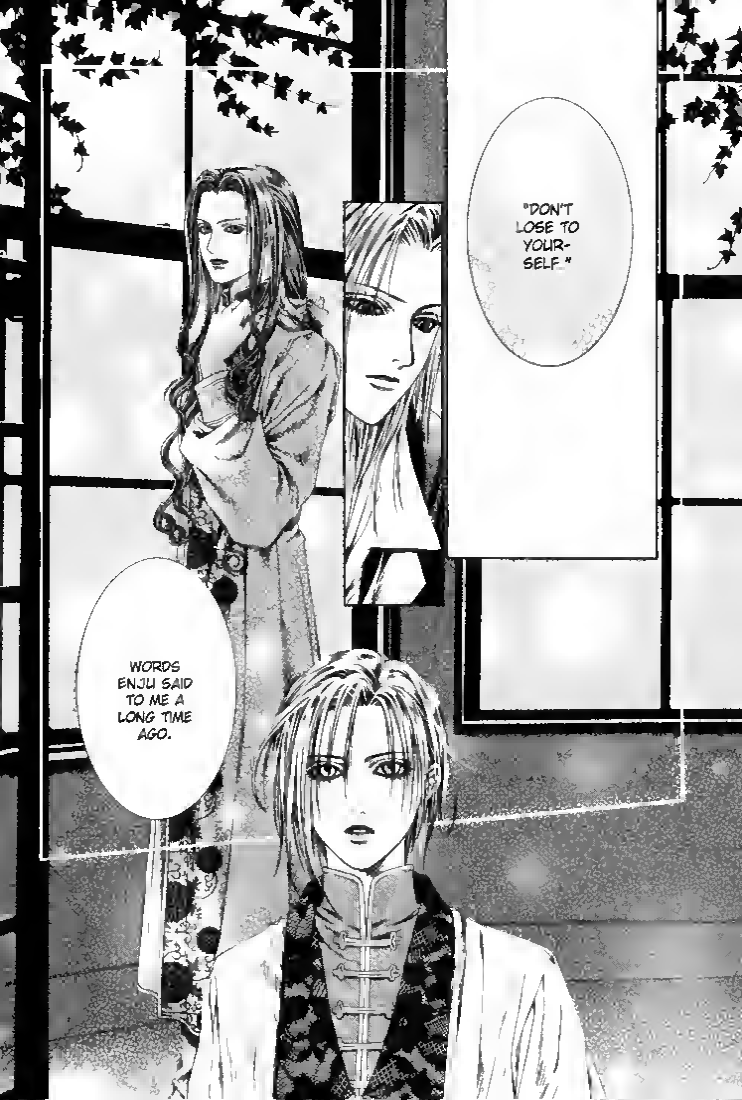
...ALL RIGHT, I GET IT.



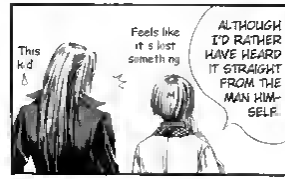
CERTAINLY, IT'S A FACT THAT HAVING YOU ALONG WILL HELP.

BUT...

IF YOU WANT TO COME FOLLOW ME
YOU SHOULD JUST SAY IT STRAIGHT OUT
TSU-GIRI!
I'LL JUST SAY ONE LAST THING.
NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF DEFENSE YOU HAVE FROM THE OUTSIDE...
DON'T LET THEM INVADE YOU FROM THE INSIDE.
INSIDE?


"DON'T LOSE TO YOUR-SELF."
WORDS ENJU SAID TO ME A LONG TIME AGO.

YEAH.
I WON'T FORGET THAT.


This kid
Feels like it's hiding something
ALTHOUGH I'D RATHER HAVE HEARD IT STRAIGHT FROM THE MAN HIMSELF.

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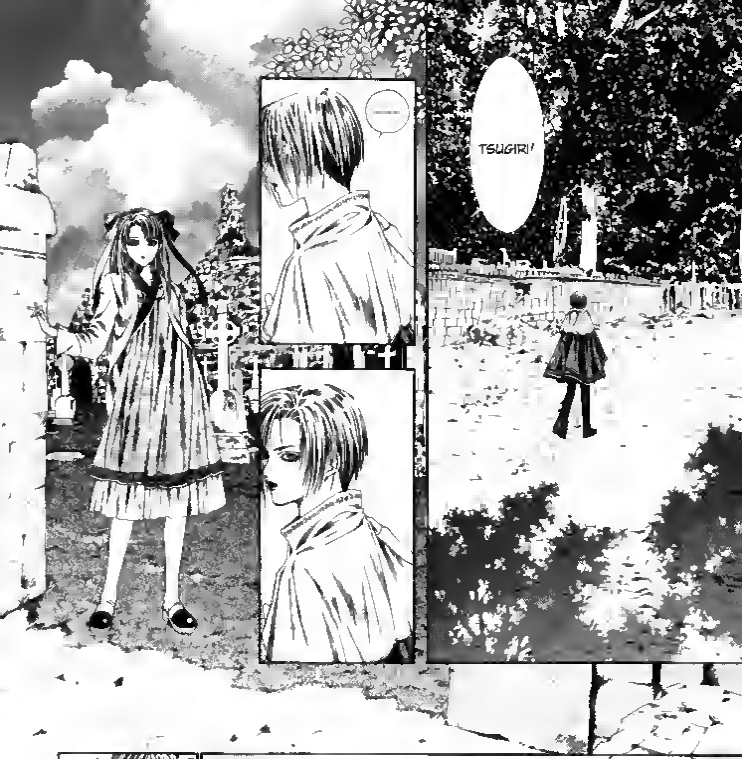
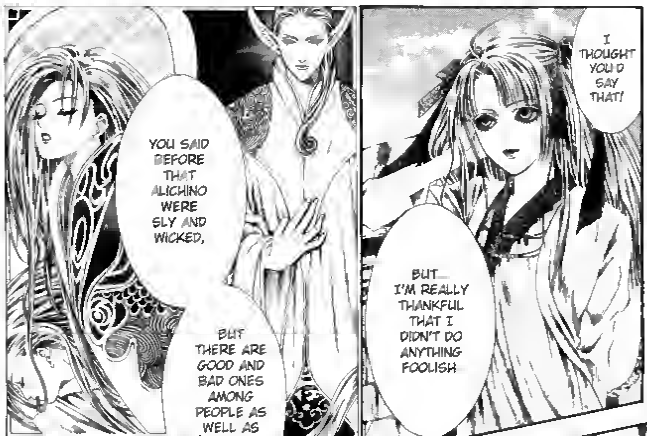

TSUGIRI!

I'm not going
WE WE
Will you give me some thing?
Or do you want me to come with you?
Can you say "please"?

THAT MYOUJI!
THANK GOODNESS I HEARD FROM MYOUJI! THAT YOU WERE LEAVING HERE AND I REALLY WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU!

ONLY BECAUSE I CAN'T FORGIVE THAT ALICHINO...
I DIDN'T NECESSARILY DO IT FOR YOUR SAKE.


YOU SAID BEFORE THAT ALICHINO WERE SLY AND WICKED,
BUT THERE ARE GOOD AND BAD ONES AMONG PEOPLE AS WELL AS ALI-CHINO
I THOUGHT YOU'D SAY THAT!
BUT... I'M REALLY THANKFUL THAT I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING FOOLISH

I WANT TO BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE GOOD ALICHINO FOR MY OLDER BROTHER'S SAKE...
AND FOR MY OWN

I WON'T LEND A HAND IN IT. BUT IF YOU CALL ME, I WILL FLY THERE IMMEDIATELY.

TAKE CARE
THERE IS, ISN'T THERE?

WILL YOU GO ALONE?
NO, WITH RYOUKO

IS THAT SO— THAT'S GOOD.
THERE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOING ALONE AND GOING WITH SOMEONE ELSE

AFTER ALL, THINGS ARE FINALLY STARTING TO GET SOMEWHERE
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING STUPID? I'M DOING THE SAME THING
AT ANY RATE I'M OFF
CAN'T YOU MAKE A BIT OF A HAPPIER FACE?
TAKE CARE ♡
Ten years ago...

BECAUSE OF THAT, THE ALICHINO ALIGNMENT IS CAUSING THEM TO BE DRAWN TOGETHER IN EXCESSIVE NUMBERS
SHE'S CALLING SOMEONE STRONGLY.
HOW MANY OF THEM COULD THERE BE!?
BUT IT'S STRANGE, ISN'T IT? THE ONE WHO FIRST SAID TO LEAVE THAT BOND ALONE...
WAS YOU, RYOUKO.
I DIDN'T THINK THEN THAT IT WOULD GET LIKE THIS.

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SFX: <SLICE>
SFX: <WHOOSH>
MOVE!
DON'T GET IN MY WAY!
FEELING LIKE SNATCHING THE SPOILS, HUH!?
WHAT ARE THE VILLAGERS UP TO!?
AREN'T THEY THINKING OF SOMETHING TO DO IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER!?
THE ONES IN THE WAY ARE YOU TWO.
THE ALICHINO AREN'T JUST GOING TO WAIT AROUND WHILE THE BOND DIES.
ISN'T IT CLEAR THAT THOSE VILLAGERS ARE THE PERPETRATORS WHO INDUCED ALL OF THIS?

MOVE!!
THOSE BASTARDS!
!

SFX <SWOOSH>
HE WILL DIE SOON
FLAP
ALL RIGHT, GET OFF... HOW AWFUL...
GRU
SOONER OR LATER, I KNEW IT WOULD TURN OUT LIKE THIS.
THE FACT THAT HE'D BEEN LIVING UNTIL NOW WAS STRANGE IN ITSELF.

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IS IT OKAY IF I EAT HIM?
STOP FOOLING AROUND IF YOU DO, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE A HELP...
HUH, RYOUKO? IF HE'S ALREADY DEAD...
BUT
EVEN THOUGH THIS CHILD WANTS TO DIE?

WHAT KIND OF DEATH IS THIS ...
BECAUSE OF THAT!
LIKE THIS ... SUCH A WAY TO END, THINKING THAT IT'S BETTER TO HAVE DIED THAN TO HAVE LIVED.
WHETHER HE DIES OR NOT, IT'S THE SAME.
YOU'RE WORRYING ABOUT SOMETHING TRIVIAL.

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EVEN THOUGH IT'S HIS LONG AWAITED CHANCE...
TO DIE..
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS SUCH A LONG TIME AGO...
IT'S AS CLEAR AS IF IT WERE YESTERDAY...
MAYBE THAT'S A GIVEN...
RYOUKO!
YOU'RE LATE

Wooooooooo...
Wooooooooo...

THE ALICHINO THEY REFLECT SO CLEARLY IN MY EYES
I CAN'T STAND IT... TOO PERFECT, UNNATURAL BEAUTY. EVER SINCE I WAS A KID...

Wooooooooooooooooo...
I've hated this kind of pretti-ness...
That's because it's a simulation to ensnare humans.
Probably the place you're going to-wards. Such great devotion, isn't it?
Where are these ones going?
That is...
Anyway, wherever they go, it's all the same. Alichino are anywhere humans exist.

...OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
TO PEACEFULLY GO ALONG WITH WHATEVER THEIR EXPECTATIONS WOULD BE BORING, RIGHT?
TO THE ALIGHNO TARGETING ME, I WILL BECOME THE PLACE THEY DIE.
...I WON'T REFUSE THOSE WHO COME
BUT, I WON'T ALLOW THEM TO LEAVE

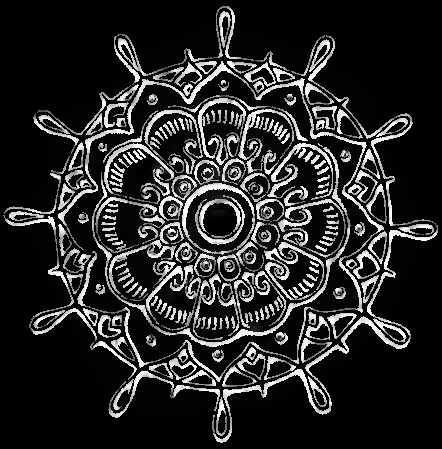
YOU'VE GRADUALLY STARTED TO RESEMBLE MYOUBI, HAVEN'T YOU...?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
OH NO- THING REALLY ... HEHE

ARE THEY THINKING THAT PERHAPS THEY'VE BEEN BLESSED WITH GOOD LUCK, SAYING THEY WANT TO START SUCH A DANGEROUS GAME AS THIS...

HEE HEE

NOW, IN WHAT WAY WILL YOU DO ME THE HONOR OF KILLING ME NEXT TIME?

IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE



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Chapter 9 - Angel of the Moon

MATSUIKA DOESN'T CONSIDER RUNNING AWAY FROM HER GOAL.
SHE'S OBVIOUSLY ENJOYING BEING CHASED.
EVEN IF WE LOSE SIGHT OF HER,
She's informed of her own existence.
Of people's deaths...
By the means...

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RYOUKO,
MATSULIKA IS NO LONGER HERE, IS SHE?
PROBABLY NOT!!
WA!
GRAB
SLIDE
SFX: (STAB)

HAA
IN MATSULIKA'S WAKE IS A SEA OF DEATH.
THERE IS NO PUZZLE OR TRAP, ONLY ARBITRARY DESTRUCTION.
WIPE
EVEN THAT SEEMS ALMOST AS THOUGH IT HAD NO REASON.
TO ALICHINO, THIS IS A MOUNTAIN OF BAIT.
I WONDER IF ALL THE SURVIVORS HAVE FLED.
IT'S BETTER IF THEY HAVE. THOSE WHO HAVE TASTED DESPAIR ARE EASILY ENSNARED BY ALICHINO.
NO... DON'T GET NEAR ME!!
!?!
SFX: KSHURIEK
KYA!

WHOOOOOO....
SFX. (SWOOSH, LAND)

THAT'S BECAUSE IN THIS TOWN
YUI-SAMA IS HERE.
THIS PLACE IS PEACEFUL. THAT'S THE WAY IT IS, HUH?
THE VILLAGE RIGHT NEXT TO IT WAS JUST ATTACKED, AND STILL
AND WHAT'S WITH "YUI-SAMA"
Why is he here?
TSUGIRI !?
YUI!?

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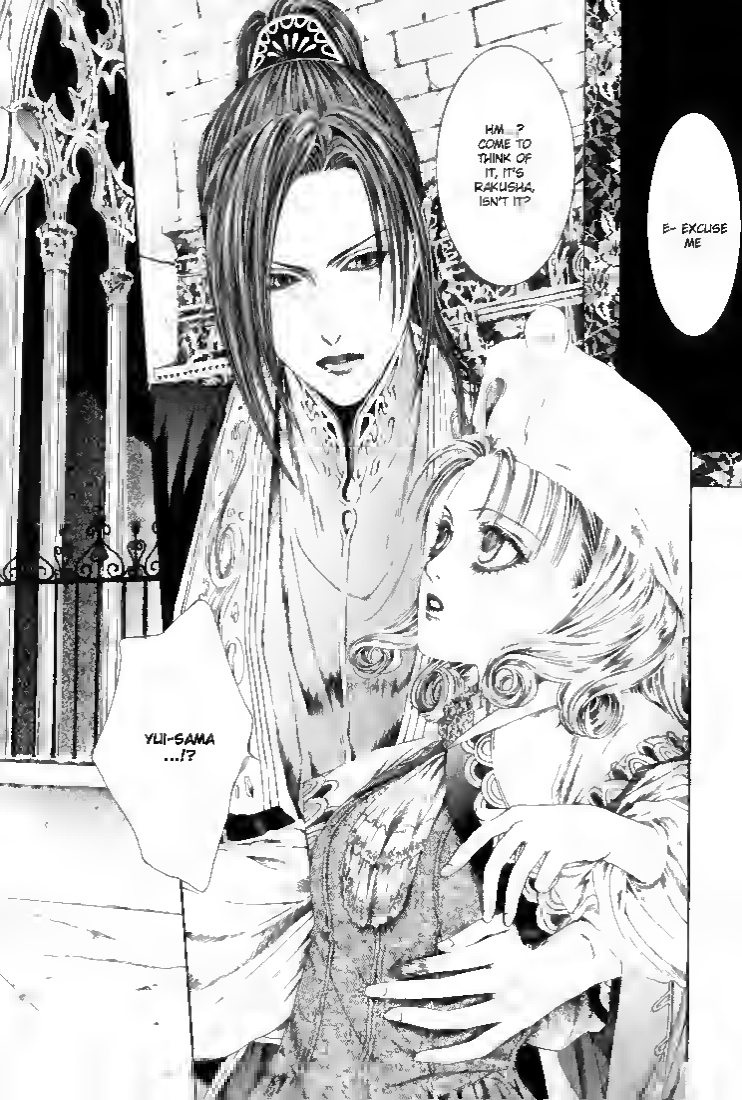
THE SMELL OF BLOOD FROM A WHILE AGO STILL REMAINS INSIDE ME

BESIDES YUI-SAMA
THERE'S ALSO A PERSON WHO'S THIS BEAUTIFUL...
ARE YOU... ALL RIGHT? ARE YOU HURT?
JUST A LITTLE FROM BACK THERE
AH...
OH MY, YOU'RE BLEEDING...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, YOUNG LADY?


E- EXCUSE ME
HM...? COME TO THINK OF IT, IT'S RAKUSHA, ISN'T IT?
YUI-SAMA ...!?

YOU FINALLY MADE IT HERE
YES
RAKUSHA, WHO MIGHT THAT BE? THE COLOR OF HIS FACE DOESN'T LOOK SO GREAT...
MY COMPANION HAS JUST LEFT TO LOOK FOR AN INN
...DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME
HEH
OH NO
I WAS RUDE...

!?
A little shocked
OH YUI-SAMA,
THIS PERSON RESCUED ME AND BROUGHT ME ALL THE WAY HERE.

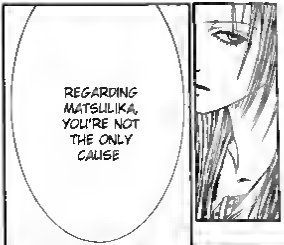
YOU'RE SO BEAUTIFUL,
I THOUGHT YOU WERE SURELY A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN DRESSED AS A MAN
Of all people to say that to some one else

RAKUSHA, I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE NOW
IS THAT SO... THAT WAS QUITE SOME HELP YOU SHOULD SPEND YOUR DAY HERE AT EASE
SU...
WHO WAS THAT PERSON?
LIKE ME...
FOR SOME-ONE...
YUI-SAMA!
AH! YUI SAMA

IF YOU HADN'T HELPED ME AT THAT TIME,
I MIGHT NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MEET YUI-SAMA AGAIN.
ALL THE PEOPLE OF THIS TOWN CAN LIVE QUIETLY, BECAUSE OF THAT PERSON.
SO MUCH.
THANK YOU...
TSUGIRI.

YOU DON'T EAT YOUR MEALS PROPERLY, THAT'S WHY YOU GET ANEMIA.
SIGH
YOU LEFT YOUR FOOD AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU?
LOOK AT THESE THIN ARMS, THEY'RE LIKE A WOMAN'S!
EVEN RYO-UKO
...WHEN THAT GIRL THANKED ME...
I SHIV-ERED.

IF THE OTHER PERSON IS THANKFUL, THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH, ISN'T IT?
THAT I COULD THINK OF HELPING HER, IS A WAY OF COVERING UP MY SINS
SHE DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING
THAT THE VILLAGE BEING ATTACKED WAS A WARNING TO US



Ever since a time long before you were born, Myoubi and I have been tracking Matsulika.

EVER SINCE?
THE AGE OF MY FLESH IS AS YOU CAN SEE, 24
HOWEVER, I'VE BEEN ALIVE FOR SEVERAL DECADES LONGER THAN THAT.
HOW OLD DO I LOOK?

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HEY, LOOK AT THAT!
WHY WOULD YOU MAKE A CONTRACT WITH AN ALICHINO
BUT IT'S COMPEN-SATION...?
YOU'LL FIGURE IT OUT EVEN-TUALLY.
WHAT?

NO...
SOULS AND POWERS SHARED WHEN CALLED UPON.
THAT WAS THE RESULT OF THE CONTRACT, NOT THE GOAL.
AN UNPRE-CEDENTED,
OVER-WHELMING INDIVIDUAL

!?
WHERE COULD SHE BE HEADED AT A TIME LIKE THIS ...

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Chapter 10 - Charisma

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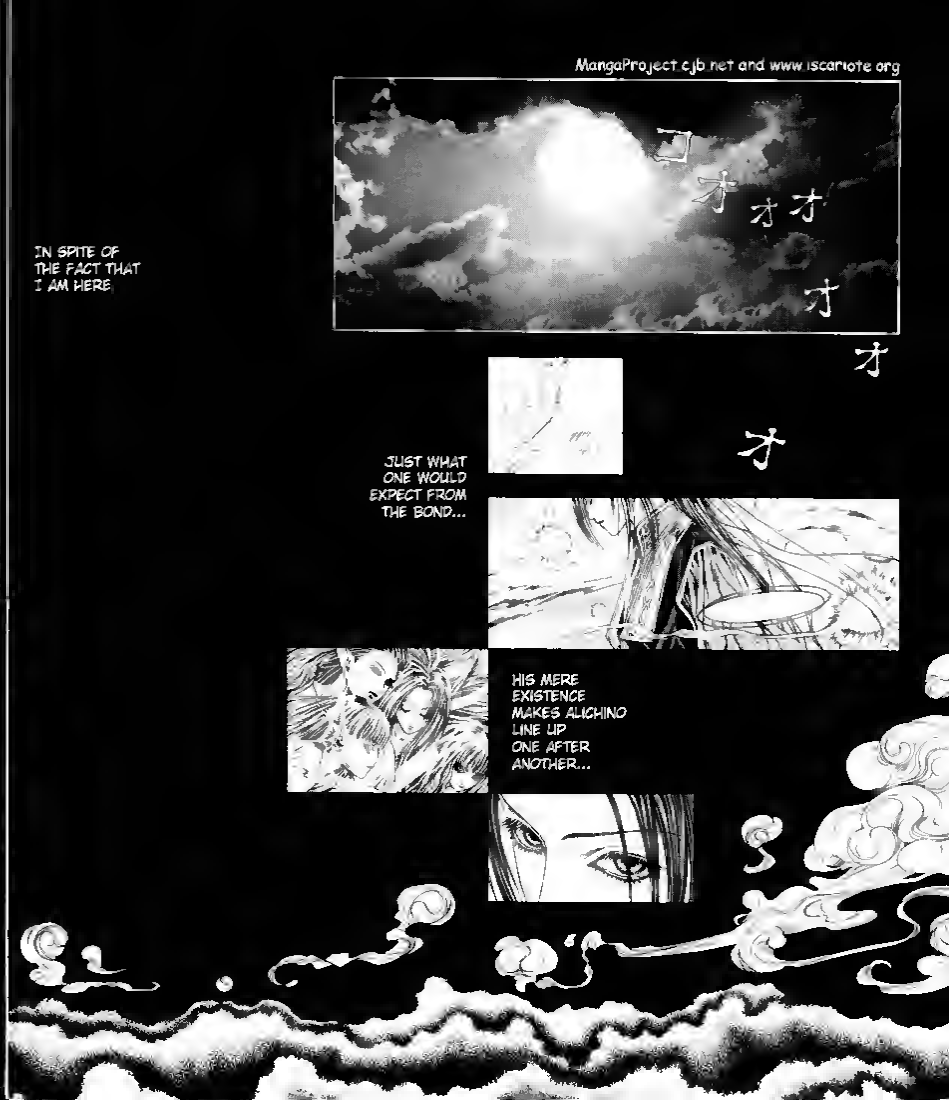
IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT I AM HERE
JUST WHAT ONE WOULD EXPECT FROM THE BOND...
HIS MERE EXISTENCE MAKES ALICHINO LINE UP ONE AFTER ANOTHER...

YUI-SAMA...?
I'VE BEEN WAITING.
RAKUSHA.
...YOU'RE LYING, YUI-SAMA.
WHY?
IN FACT, I WAS A BIT WORRIED...
ABOUT WHETHER YOU WOULD THINK OF ME AGAIN.

I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS DAY SO MUCH
MORE THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE.
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN WELL AWARE HOW MUCH I'VE WAITED, WISHING TO COME TO YOU, SINCE LONG AGO...

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I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING

WHERE IS THAT GIRL GOING ALL ALONE ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS.
MAYBE I'M THINKING TOO MUCH
BUT BEING NEAR ME IS THE SAME THING AS BEING NEAR ALICHINO
THOSE WHO HAVE TASTED DESPAIR ARE EASILY ENSNARED BY ALICHINO.

...AND SOMETHING IS WEDGED WITHIN MY MIND...
IN A VILLAGE THAT HAD BECOME RUINS...
AND THAT'S NOT ALL...
A STRANGELY PRETTY SURVIVOR
THAT AND SOMETHING ELSE... A VAGUE SENSE OF INCOMPATIBILITY.
IT DIDN'T GO AWAY EVEN AFTER WE CAME TO THIS TOWN
MAYBE MY CONCERN IS UNWANTED?
I even brought a sword...
RUSTLE

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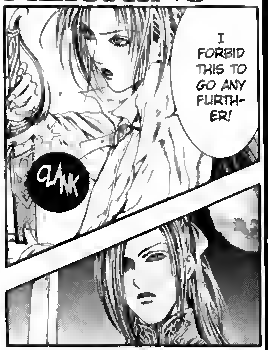
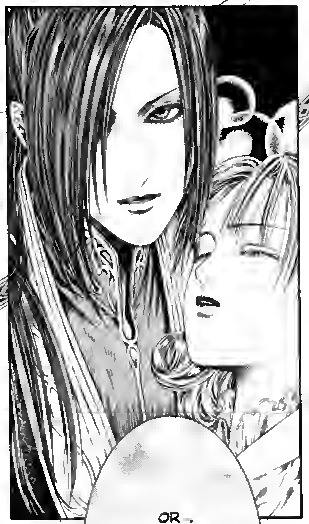


THIS MAN IS AN ALICHINO!



OR... I WONDER IF YOU WOULD ALSO LIKE TO UNDERGO MY BAPTISM?

WITHOUT A DOUBT...

I EVEN DID YOU A FAVOR AND SHUT MY EYES TO YOUR EXISTENCE THIS AFTERNOON...

WHY...?

AND YET YOU LEAP IN OF YOUR OWN ACCORD. IT'S AMAZING THAT YOU'VE MANAGED TO STAY ALIVE UNTIL NOW.

WHY DIDN'T I REALIZE IT THEN...!?

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SFX: <LEAP>
SFX: <FALL>
SFX: <WOOSH>
AND ONE MORE THING
UNDERSTAND THAT MY POWER IS ABOVE YOURS.

...IT IS TRULY REGRETTABLE.♡
IT'S MY FIRST TIME TO MEET THE BOND, NOT TO [illegible]NTION TOUCH IT.
NOW I CAN SOMEWHAT UNDERSTAND WHY THE OTHER ALICHINO BLINDLY ATTEMPT TO GET A HOLD OF YOU.

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME. SO YOU'VE COME TO THIS TOWN AFTER ALL.
IT'S NO WONDER I'VE SENSED SOMETHING UNPLEASANT.
RYOUKO!
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO LACK INTEREST IN ANYTHING BUT GIRLS.
HOW TYPICAL OF YOU TO GET SO ENTRANCED BY WHAT'S IN FRONT OF YOU THAT YOU CAN'T SEE WHAT'S AROUND YOU, YU!
LET GO...
OR WHAT... HAVE YOU CHANGED HOBBIES?

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT HER, LEAVE HER ALONE!? SHE'S ..!
WHAT!?
THANKS
..YOU KNEW?
NO MATTER WHAT WE DO IT'LL PROBABLY END UP BEING JUST SELF-SATIS-FACTION
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, RYOUKO !?
SOMETHING LIKE THAT... COME ON, WE'RE GOING.
WE CAN'T BE OF HELP TO THAT GIRL..

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Chapter 11 - Existence

"WE CAN'T BE A HELP TO THAT GIRL..."
HIS CASE IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
DIFFERENT?

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OF COURSE I KNOW
CHUCKLE
YOU SAY SUCH FUNNY THINGS
THAT'S WHY I CHOSE RAKUSHA

SINCE WHEN DID I STOP . BEING AFRAID OF WAKING UP IN THE MORNING, I WONDER?

SINCE WHEN ..?

EVERYTHING IN THE WORLD CHANGED, AND ..

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WHY ARE YOU SIDING WITH HIM?
WHAT HAPPENED? WHY--!
IF IT'S ME YOU'RE FIGHTING OVER I'M OKAY!
YOU'RE BEING DECEIVED!
HE'S AN ALICHINO!

"WHO ARE YOU!?"
"WHAT A STRANGE GIRL. WASN'T IT YOU WHO CALLED ME?"
NO ONE THOUGHT OF ME AS NECESSARY, NOT EVEN I
I KNOW.
AND EVEN IF YOU BECOME HAPPY IN THE NEXT WORLD THAT'S A DIFFERENT YOU. YOU WON'T HAVE ANY CONSCIOUSNESS OF YOUR CURRENT SELF. SO DON'T YOU THINK THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MEANING?
BUT IT'S FINE.
WHEN I'M REBORN, NEXT TIME I'LL BE [illegible]...
"BUT MY CURRENT SELF IS..."
"WHY? YOU SHOULD JUST BE HAPPY NOW."
"EVEN IF YOUR BODY IS DISABLED..."
TO ME, HE'S AN IRREPLACEABLE PERSON, AND THAT WON'T CHANGE ...
BUT I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT
FOR SO LONG SO LONG...
!

NO ONE BUT ME UNDER-STANDS WHAT A HELP THAT WAS
WITH A SMILE THAT HELD NO REGRETS...
ACCEPTING ME FOR WHAT I AM...
YUI-SAMA AT ONE...
LOOKED AT ME DIREC...

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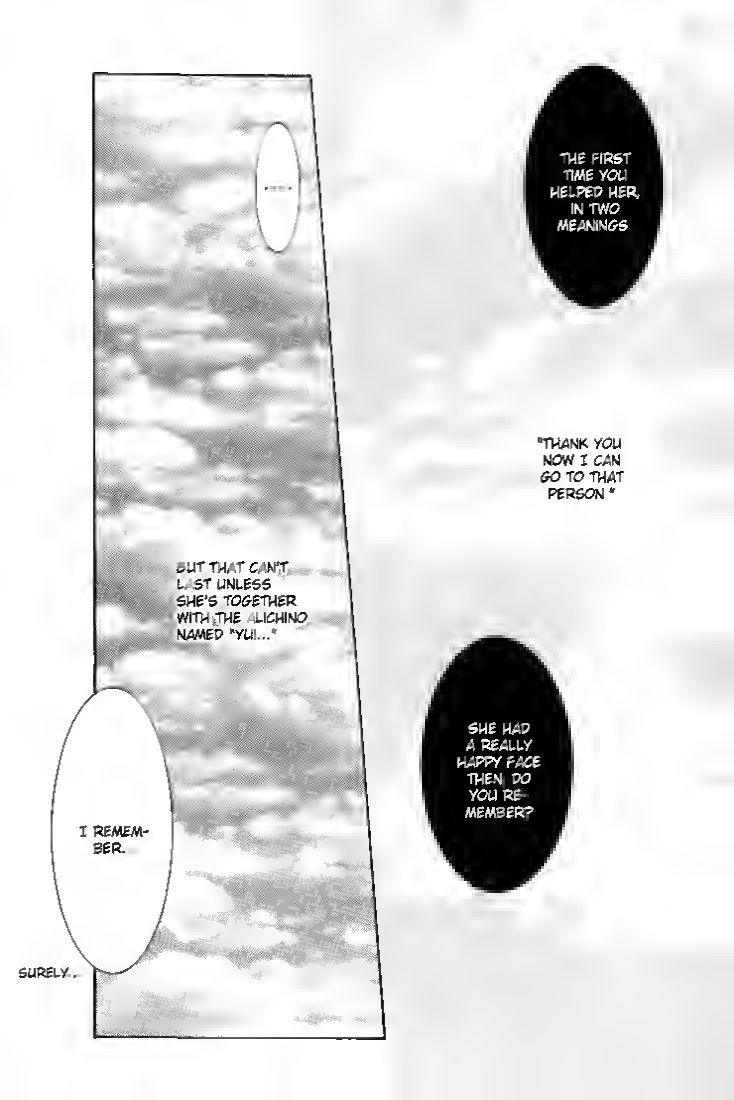
HE'S YUI-SAMA. THAT'S WHY HE'S PRECIOUS.
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHAT YUI-SAMA IS.
SO... DON'T HURT HIM. HE'S MY ONLY HOPE.
ONLY HOPE

SWISH
EVEN IF YOU ELIMINATE ME, YOU CAN'T SAVE RAKUSHU.
THE PEOPLE OF THIS TOWN CANNOT EXIST WITHOUT ME.
ONLY THOSE WHO WISH TO COME TO ME DO SO BY THEIR OWN FREE WILL.
TSUGIRI

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT...

WHY WE ALICHINO EXIST?

...WAS I WRONG?
IT'S LIKE I TOLD YOU BEFORE, IN HIS CASE IT'S A CONTRACT WHERE THE GOAL ISN'T TO STEAL, BUT TO MAKE USE OF SOME MEANING.
I JUST THOUGHT I WANTED TO SAVE HER.
I THINK THAT PROBABLY... YOU SAVED THAT GIRL A LONG TIME AGO...


THE FIRST TIME YOU HELPED HER, IN TWO MEANINGS
"THANK YOU NOW I CAN GO TO THAT PERSON "
SHE HAD A REALLY HAPPY FACE THEN. DO YOU REMEMBER?
BUT THAT CAN'T LAST UNLESS SHE'S TOGETHER WITH THE ALICHINO NAMED "YUI..."
I REMEMBER.
SURELY..

TSUGIRI IS LOST AND WOUNDED. IN TRYING TO OVERCOME THAT, HE IS MAKING HIS SOUL SHINE MORE AND MORE....
ROU-SHOUKI-SAMA

IS HE GOING THAT FAR IN HIS CONCERN FOR THAT ONE GIRL BECAUSE HE'S "THE BOND"?
OR BECAUSE HE'S "TSUGIRI," PERHAPS?
I WONDER ...

IF ONE IS LACKING, THERE IS NO MEANING.
IN THE END....
IF IT WERE A MATTER OF THE BOND, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THERE ARE OTHERS WHO EXIST, BUT THERE IS ONLY ONE HUMAN NAMED "TSUGIRI."
THAT'S THE SAME AS SAYING THAT IT HAS TO BE TSUGIRI, ISN'T IT?
RUSTLE
HEY...
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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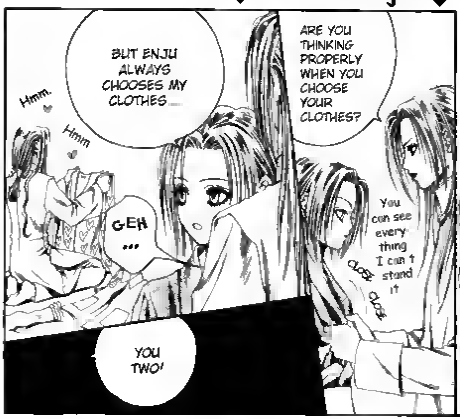
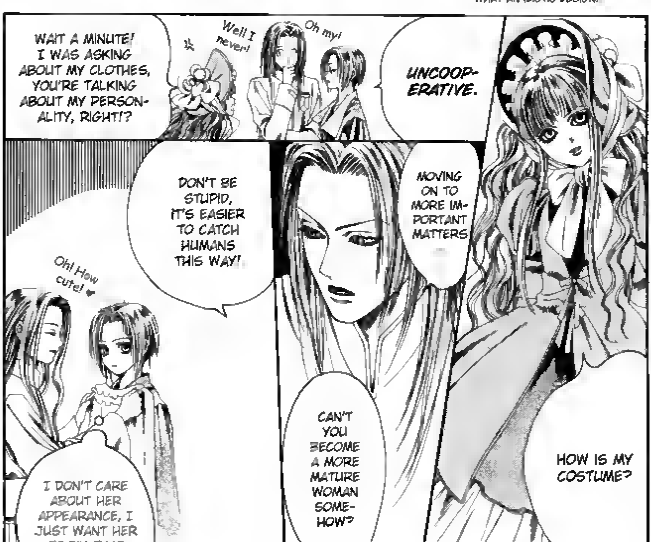

BUT ENJU ALWAYS CHOOSES MY CLOTHES...
ARE YOU THINKING PROPERLY WHEN YOU CHOOSE YOUR CLOTHES?
Hmm
Hmm
GEH ...
You can see everything I can't stand it
close
close
YOU TWO!

WHEN I REALLY LOOK AT HIM NOW, TSUGIRI WAS WEARING SOME REALLY INTERESTING CLOTHES AT THE BEGINNING...
WHAT AN IDIOTIC DESIGN.


WAIT A MINUTE! I WAS ASKING ABOUT MY CLOTHES, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT MY PERSONALITY, RIGHT!?
Well I never!
Oh my!
UNCOOPERATIVE.
DON'T BE STUPID, IT'S EASIER TO CATCH HUMANS THIS WAY!
MOVING ON TO MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS
Oh! How cute!
CAN'T YOU BECOME A MORE MATURE WOMAN SOMEHOW?
HOW IS MY COSTUME?
I DON'T CARE ABOUT HER APPEARANCE, I JUST WANT HER TO FIX THAT PERSONALITY

To those who I am meeting a second time, and to those who I'm meeting for the first time as well (you might not buy just the second volume), thank you for picking up this book. Finally, the step of releasing the second volume has come and I'm breathing a sigh of relief. When I really think about it, it was harder than the first volume... Ordinarily you'd get used to it and things would go more smoothly, right? Or so you'd think, but my case seems to be an exception (pained smile).

This time around, when I was making it into a comic, I redrew a lot. It seems that when it comes to art, to other people I look like a person that loves impossible things. It's strange... I myself have ordinary intentions, but... there are some places that have changed quite a bit from the magazine, and it might be interesting to compare them.

Oh yeah, there were countless people who asked "Is Enju a woman?" but he's male. He's a man with a softer image, but what if you just can't tell by the way he's drawn? (and his age is unknown)

It's really fun to hear each person's thoughts on the conceptions of the characters. I'm going to keep on doing my best from now on, and I'd be blessed if you'd patiently watch over me.

And lastly, I'm thinking that it'd be nice to be able to debut Tsugiru Mykubi and the rest in 3-D someday.

See you in the next volume.

Kouyu Shirei, February 2000

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